

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1027 – SB 1016**

April 10, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Removes the Tennessee Medical Examiner Advisory Council from its wind down period so it will not terminate on June 30, 2017. Extends the Council to June 30, 2018. Renames the Council the Tennessee State Medical Examiner Advisory Council and restructures the Council to include 21 members with broad authority to disapprove administrative action and legislative proposals affecting medical examiners from the Department of Health and State Chief Medical Examiner.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,300/One-Time  
\$72,100/Recurring

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007041):** Deletes and replaces language of the proposed legislation such that the only substantive changes are: (1) removes the provision that required the State Chief Medical Examiner's office to be responsible for providing administrative support to the State Medical Examiner Advisory Council; (2) changes the makeup of the Council to include 15 members instead of 21; and (3) adds language that requires the Council to submit an annual report on the standards and guidelines of the medical examiners system to the Chairs of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$4,800**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Council is made up of 15 members, the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the State Chief Medical Examiner will serve as Ex Officio voting members of the Council; therefore, 13 members of the Council will be reimbursed for travel expenses.

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- Travel expenses will equal \$1,601 [(\$0.47 per mile x 262 miles roundtrip) x 13 members] for each one-day meeting of the Council.
- The Council is required to meet at least quarterly; one of which is assumed to occur during the legislative session. Therefore, at least three meetings are assumed to occur outside the legislative session which will require expense reimbursements. As a result, the recurring increase in state expenditures associated with travel expenses for the Council is estimated to exceed \$4,803 (\$1,601 x 3 minimum meetings).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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